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In re Application of :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**On page 1 after the title, please insert the following:**

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a filing under Section 371 of International Application Number PCT/JP04/13355 filed September 14, 2004 which is based on, and claims priority from, Japanese Application Number 2004-138567, filed May 7, 2004, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

**REMARKS**

The specification of the referenced application has been amended to include the related application information. Entry is in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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